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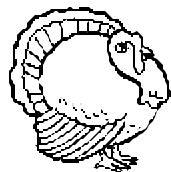
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone was steady to weak on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Sales reported in the Midwest of private labeled whole birds with price ceilings for March hens 58 cents, toms 53 cents, April hens 59 cents, toms 55 cents, May hens 60 cents, toms 57 cents, and June hens 61 cents, toms 59 cents. Bulk parts and meats trading generally light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand continues moderate with most interest from Mexico and Russia. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat at steady to firm price levels with sales confirmed from current through March shipments.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 26, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-58	57.5	57.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-55	54.5	54.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59	-	-	-	65.00	760	SEP-OCT	4000	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57.5-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	2560	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	132	MAR
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56	-	-	-	64.00	520	SEP-OCT	4000	MAR-MAY
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	1200	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	580	MAR

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 FEBRUARY 2002.

Tom bulk parts trade sentiment on drums was steady to fully steady, full-cut wings mostly steady, and necks were barely steady at best. Demand on bulk parts was slow to instances moderate with the best interest noted drums for export. Offerings of tom drums were tight to adequate and held with varying degrees of confidence, full-cut wings light to adequate with offers the least available in the East, and necks were adequate to ample. Frozen thigh meat supplies were held with confidence with some reluctant to offer out at current price levels. Some spot weakness was noted on destrapped tenderloins with fresh trading and offers of frozen noted at lower trending price levels. Trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	97.20	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.50		31.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.87	69
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	38.67	120
NECKS, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.90	100
NECKS, HEN		R	21.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	127.00		127.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	126.00-130.00		127.60	100
THIGH MEAT		F	61.00	9
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	108.00		108.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	107.00	15
TENDERLOINS		F	123.00	4
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	125.00-130.00		126.36	220
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	81.27	55
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	8.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	13.00-15.00		14.22	1,032

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.50		30.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	13.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00		61.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	62
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-73

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 27 FEBRUARY 2002.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to weak, however, some continued increased confidence was noted in the market. Destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment was mostly steady with some spot weakness noted and steady to barely steady on the balance of white meat items. White meat demand was mostly light on all items. Some spot inquiry was noted on fresh tom breast meat for 2002 - 2003 deliveries. Offerings of tom breast meat were fully adequate to ample, destrapped tenderloins light to fully adequate mostly adequate, wing meat and scapula fully adequate, and breast trim was at least adequate. Domestic trading light. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat at higher trending price levels for current through late March shipments. Export inquiry continued mostly from Mexico and Russia.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	96.00-99.00		96.65	184
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	152.00		152.00	22
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	144
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	31.50	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	39.00		39.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	21.90	100
NECKS, HEN		R	21.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	127.00		127.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		T	127.60	100
THIGH MEAT		F	61.00	9
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	106.00		106.00	80
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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
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THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-65.00		63.27	840

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/27/02

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2001-2002	-	264,063	264,363
2000-2001	930	236,989	237,239